Private Sector Power Projects

704. SHRI TATHAGATA SATPATHY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of power projects set up by different private sector companies in the country;

(b) the location of these projects, State-wise;

(c) the capacity of these projects;

(d) whether some of those projects are pending for the approval of Union Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken to approve those projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM) : (a) to (c) As per information available, the following private power projects on the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) /Letter of Intent(LoI) etc. route (costing more than Rs. 100 crores) being monitored by the Government have been set up and have commenced generation:

S.No.	Name of the project/location	Capacity (MW)
1.	Hazira Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt, Surat, Gujarat	515
2.	Baroda Combined, Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. Baroda, Gujarat	167
3.	Paguthan Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. Bharn, Gujarat	655*
4.	Jegurupadu Combined Cycle Gas Turbine, Distt. East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	216
5.	Godavari Combined Cycle Gas Turbine. Distt. East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh	208

* Only 414 MW has been commissioned so far.

(d) All the above projects have been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority.

(e) and (f) Do not arise in view of reply to part (d) above.

[Translation]

Opening of Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

705. SHRI R.L.P VERMA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any approval for opening a Telephone exchange through satellite in the Block headquarters of Ganwa and Satganwa in the Hilly area of Giridih district in the Vananchal area in Bihar was accorded in 1996-97;

(b) if so, the reasons for which it has not installed so far;

(c) whether Government propose to set up new telephone exchange with adequate capacity in the State during 1998-99;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes Sir. It is proposed to provide Satellite connectivity to Satganwa telephone exchange through Satellite in Giridih district in the Vananchal area of Bihar during 1998-99. There is no proposal for Ganwa.

(b) The telephone exchange at Satganwa was opened during 1996-97 but Satellite connectivity could not be provided due to non- availability of equipment. However, the Satellite equipment has been supplied during 1997-98 and all-out efforts are being made to commission the same as early as possible.

(c) Yes, Sir

(d) The SSA-wise list of new telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in Bihar during 1998-99, is given in the enclosed Statement

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

SSA-wise details of new telephone exchanges proposed to be opened in Bihar during 1998-99

Name of the SSA	No. of new Telephone Exchanges.
Arrah	3
Bhagalpur	3
Chapra	1
Darbhanga	5
Dumka	1
Gaya	2
Hazaribagh	1
Jamshedpur	2
Katihar	1
Munger	1
Muzaffarpur	4
Patna	1
Ranchi	5